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Honorable Bob Krueger United States Senator 1919 Smith, Suite 800 Houston, Texas 77002

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Dear Senator Krueger:

This is in reply to your letter of February 4, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, William P. Krick, Jr., regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

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We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the <u>Notice</u>, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the <u>Notice</u> are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,

Kalph A Haller

Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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February 4, 1993

Mr. Alfred Sikes Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Sikes:

I recently received the enclosed constituent inquiry, and I would

Highway 190 East P.O. Box 191 Huntsville, Texas 77342-0191 409 291-3381 William P. Krick, Jr. General Manager—Texas Region Timberlands



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January 8, 1993

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen U S Senate 703 Hart senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

For nearly fifty years, employees of the forest industries have depended on two-way radio communications for safety and for expediting their job responsibilities. The nature of their work isolates them in remote areas of the forest and the radio

